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Sues CIA In Mail Snoop

Socialist author Corliss Lamont filed a \$300,000 suit against the Central Intelligence Agency and two of its former officials yesterday for opening and copying more than 300 of his letters between 1957 and 1972.

The suit, filed in Brooklyn Federal Court, names former CIA Director Richard Helms and James Angleton, the agency's former chief of counterintelligence. It contends that mail Lamont sent and received from the Soviet Union was opened, copied and distributed to persons within the CIA and other federal agencies.

Lamont, of 315 W. 106th St., said in an interview that he learned of the mail openings when he asked the CIA last year what records they were keeping on him.

—Stewart Ainsworth

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